

The departmental budget review reconvened at 9:13 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

(Mr. Kawakami was noted excused.)

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Kaneshiro: Good morning. Budget review session is now called to order. Let the record reflect that Mr. Kawakami is excused and he'll be joining us later this afternoon. We'll start with the Parks and Recreation Department this morning so Mr. Leonard Rapozo and any of your other staff that you want to bring up here.

LEONARD RAPOZO: Good morning. For the record Director of Parks and Recreation Lenny Rapozo. I have my backup over here in case you give me any hard questions I cannot answer. I just like to introduce the Fiscal Division Lynn Kuboyama, Eddie Sarita from the Convention Hall, George Ahlgren who's in our Parks Maintenance Chief, I saw... well I thought I saw Mel here... everybody...

Mr. Furfaro: He's just right outside the door.

Ms. Kawahara: He was here.

Mr. Rapozo: Okay he probably taking his break you guys stressing him out. So Mel is out there. And then Craig Carney and Susan Honjiyo from the Golf Course and Cyndy Duterte Recreation Division.

Mr. Chang: What about the birthday? Birthday guy.

Mr. Rapozo: Today is not his birthday yeah. Today is Aloha Friday but my Deputy Kylan Dela Cruz.

Mr. Furfaro: Your birthday is tomorrow?

KYLAN DELA CRUZ (DEPUTY DIRECTOR): Long ways from now.

Mr. Rapozo: So before we passed out our budget comparison from last year to this year included the percentages of decrease for the Golf and Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Is that your presentation?

Mr. Rapozo: That's my presentation.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay...

Mr. Rapozo: We were tasked, the Department was tasked with reducing by seven percent (7%) but after the furloughs were also included after we made our seven percent (7%) the increase of the decrease I'm sorry was greater than seven percent (7%) and basically what we did is we took current operations up until six (6) months and we saw what expenditures were and we've been trying to streamline and try to cut as best as we can knowing where we are today and we based our cuts on current activity within the Department but yet we were still able with these challenges you know to do some nice things through this past fiscal year like you know through partnerships with Public Works, County Attorney, our Department, Transportation we did the park and ride which we've... I know you were busy on Monday with budget but it kind of (inaudible) at Kalāheo Neighborhood Center that we did some in-house work that probably saved the county over a hundred

thousand dollars (\$100,000) in doing a park and ride facility that increased the parking, we put in a parking with what was officially known as the mud-bowl at Kalāheo Neighborhood Center. Concrete, we have eight (8) new stalls including an additional ADA that wasn't required but we thought it would be a good idea to add it, lighting and we're hoping that it would be the hub of the parking right on the Westside. During park and ride, traditionally during the day and then it becomes an additional facility parking at night and on weekends so... what I tried to illustrate here is that despite the challenging financial times that we are having, we are working with other Departments within the County to continue to get projects done. So I just wanted to share some of those... That's probably one of the highlights of our accomplishments as well as maintaining all of the other facilities.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay with that I'll open it up for questions by Committee members.
Mr. Furfaro.

Mr. Furfaro: I have some but I'm still doing the math.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay. We're still working on some math. So overall than your biggest decrease came about through what areas?

Mr. Rapozo: In the Parks budget?

Mr. Kaneshiro: Yeah.

Mr. Rapozo: It would be salaries and through salaries and for one... that is because we had retirements and we dollar funded positions for that, we had long term employees that left public service and also the second would be operations and that includes equipment that we had to put off.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay because I see you have about a one point three (1.3) million dollar difference from the previous budget.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: For your Department.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And then you say that the large contribution to that is because of the based on salaries and so forth of the furlough plan and dollar funded positions.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct. At the Golf Course our biggest reduction again has come from operations and salaries. And that is not because we have lost anybody but just through the furlough and needed to reduce operations to meet our goal of seven percent (7%).

Mr. Kaneshiro: Explain to me than if I'm looking at... you have like a park security officer dollar funded the reason for that?

Mr. Rapozo: Park security.

Mr. Kaneshiro: If you look on your budget page one, forty-seven (147), parks security officer.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Especially in times like this you know now days when you have I guess lower unemployment... higher unemployment rate and so.

Mr. Rapozo: We... we lost three (3) park security officers.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Mr. Rapozo: Okay? One of them transferred within that Division to another position and two (2) of them left government service so each Division also was mandated because the Department was mandated to cut seven percent (7%) each Division, which they fall under the Fiscal would have to have met that goal.

Mr. Kaneshiro: So you're feeling is that it will take awhile before you fill those positions?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes number one (1).

Mr. Kaneshiro: That because you had like you said, people move to different positions.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah and because we needed to accomplish that seven percent (7%) then we just had to, we got to try to do without and hopefully that puts the additional responsibility on the other five (5) park...

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay... but.

Mr. Rapozo: Well eventually going be five (5) but we now three (3).

Mr. Kaneshiro: Yeah you have some vacant positions...

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: There currently now.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And you're feeling is that it's going to take a little while to fill those positions and once you fill those positions and if the need arises where you need more park security officers then the dollar funded allows you to do that. Is that?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Is that the main reason?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct. Yes.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay. Mr. Bynum?

Mr. Bynum: Did you send over a staff... most of the Department's I think we asked that question for current staffing, current vacancies, did you send a separate report?

Mr. Rapozo: No. I don't think so.

Mr. Kaneshiro: I didn't see it. I was just going off of the.

Mr. Bynum: So current status on park security officers is how many, we have a supervisor and how many officers currently employed?

Mr. Rapozo: We have three (3) officers employed, and the vacancies is a supervisor position and two (2) staff positions, security officer one (1) positions. We are in the process of hiring a entry level security park officer, park ranger and we are in the process of filling the supervisor's position.

Mr. Bynum: Internally?

Mr. Rapozo: Internally.

Mr. Bynum: And so that will free up another park one (1)?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: So you're intent to staff all but one?

Mr. Rapozo: The intent would be... in the end when all the movement is completed and we've hired we'll have five (5) with the dollar position still there not being filled.

Mr. Bynum: So that would mean one (1) being hired, one (1) that will move to supervisor and then you'll hire one (1) more?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct, correct.

Mr. Bynum: Okay thank you and (inaudible)

Mr. Kaneshiro: Mr. Furfaro.

Mr. Furfaro: Lenny the items that I'm going to share with you right now is similar to what I shared with the previous Department heads and maybe, maybe we need to put in on the Tuesday question as it's been consistent with benefit comparisons. Your current operations under your eight (8) months actual, four (4) months going forward your benefit line is fifty-one point three percent (51.3%) of your total salaries and wages and it's twenty-six percent (26%) of your total budget but we had comparisons from forty-eight percent (48%) last... in the current year for the percentages of benefits related to payroll and everyone seems to be going up maybe five (5) to six (6) points in the budget and you're now forecasting fifty-six point three (56.3) so you're benefit line is going up more than ten percent (10%) over this year, while your payroll based on the numbers you gave us, the payroll is dropping nineteen percent (19%) so clearly and I had a little bit of this discussion with Mr. Bynum yesterday, clearly as payroll drops and furloughs get reduced your exposure to contributions are based on actual hours worked. And Lenny like I said you know it might be a formula somewhere because all of our employees, their contributions in the way of benefits, retirement fund and so forth is based on the actual dollars forecasted to work, we're forecasting a reduction in payroll but a percentage to payroll increase on benefits and I think we just need to know what that is because this is, this is the fourth (4th) day I kind of caught that maybe we need to actually understand things like medical premiums you know we already heard that we had a twenty, was it a twenty-four percent (24%) increase on (inaudible) and so forth but it just an interesting scenario. You're actually controlling the productive payroll by nineteen percent (19%) but your benefits compared to total is going up ten percent (10%) so I think we need to look at that Mr. Chairman and maybe on Tuesday.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay. We'll send a communication.

Mr. Rapozo: Good point.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Questions out to the Administration in that regards. Mr. Bynum?

Mr. Bynum: And just to follow up on what Mr. Furfaro is saying it's not just through Parks but all of the...

Mr. Furfaro: It's everyone.

Mr. Bynum: And I think a large part of this impact is furloughs and that we're getting less productivity from workers but the fix costs, the medical are staying the same and so you know we're paying increase cost there but getting less productivity in terms of services the community and that's one of the impacts of furlough I think. And I think Mr. Furfaro, myself are trying to get a handle on you know what are the factors that play to that, is it increases in benefit cost you know, it's not true, it's not just Parks, it's all the Departments maybe it shows up a little more because you have a large staff and that kind of thing.

Mr. Kaneshiro: You know when I go through your budget you also show some Park care takers as dollar funded, would that be the same reasons that apply to that where because you're trying to fill positions and so forth and then...

Mr. Rapozo: Those dollar funded positions are just to make the seven percent (7%) mandate that we're able to do.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Mr. Rapozo: And those particular positions are hopefully in areas that we felt that current staff would be able or have to pick up the slack and maintain more than what we're... doing more with less.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And you see where I'm coming at... I'm not a... specially these hard times right now I'm not a strong advocate of adding positions or putting funding into the positions but I think it's important that especially in tough economic times like that, we'll find that we have more uses in parks. People need to get out there and...

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Get their frustrations you know by taking family member to the park, so I want to make sure that we're still able to keep that service. I don't want you know it's important that we be able to do that because you know what I mean right?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes definitely.

Mr. Kaneshiro: As unemployment rate gets high and then people are starting to be out of jobs (inaudible) maybe they need to spend more time in parks and...

Mr. Rapozo: The parks...

Mr. Kaneshiro: And I really want to hope that... we were focusing on that that we can maintain the park to the level that is satisfied for them to use because it's the most frustrating thing if you go there and the bathrooms are plugged up and you know the place is not cleaned and just being in this situation nowadays...

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah.

Mr. Kaneshiro: There's unemployment and all these other things that's going on and tough times so you feel good that you can maintain it?

Mr. Rapozo: You know Councilmember Kaneshiro, I came from the ranks.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Yeah.

Mr. Rapozo: And I worked to where I am today.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Absolutely.

Mr. Rapozo: And so I've always... I've been to the baseyards and I've shown the budget to our guys and I said guys it's tough, you guys got to make up the difference of what we don't have and I'll be the first one and I'm always the one to praise the... our workers because knowing that in Parks Maintenance we down seven (7) positions and they maintain the parks to level it is currently and to see on the travel channel that Po'ipū Beach Park is ranked number six (6) and they said it's a well maintained facility, I got to give... take my hat off to the people out there doing the work knowing that personnel resources is short, it could be better for them. And I just explained to them, we have jobs it's tough hang with us together, we all going hang and do this together guys, I hear it and I got to give them all the credit for maintaining the parks the way it is.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And I really thank you for that Lenny.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And in fact not only I, all seven (7) of the Councilmembers here, seven (7) of us, we appreciate that thought you know we like to give our hats off to the employees too.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes definitely.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Often times like this to people got to realize you get more use of the park and plus vandalism goes up and those are things that are very hard for us to control also right so I wanted to make sure with park security in different areas like that we'll be able to at least give the services and provide that service and I realize that to you know nobody can predict where someone going to vandalism some park do this and it happens you know and it's sad but it happens. But I really want to congratulate you guys for the great job.

Mr. Rapozo: Thanks before you do...

Mr. Kaneshiro: (inaudible).

Mr. Rapozo: Before we get to the next question, can I just add one thing... you know and the people who clean parks also realize they can go in and clean a comfort station and the next guy that comes in can just do one mess in that.

Mr. Kaneshiro: I know, we understand.

Mr. Rapozo: And then we get the call and we call out there and they go back and do it again.

Mr. Kaneshiro: We understand.

Mr. Rapozo: You know so for them, they take a lot and they put out a lot and I appreciate what they do, or we all appreciate in our Department what they do.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay and I... we all know it's tough times and...

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah.

Mr. Kaneshiro: For your Department to still achieve those accomplishments that's why I said (inaudible)

Mr. Rapozo: It trickles from up here because I tell them and they get down and make sure it gets carried out so everybody here, we all do it together.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Good job Lenny. Mr. Furfaro go ahead.

Mr. Furfaro: Lenny, I just want to reiterate, the question I asked about the payroll benefits and so forth is a question that we already sent over...

Mr. Rapozo: Oh okay.

Mr. Furfaro: But I think you know the question we might want to deal with Mr. Kaneshiro is maybe the second part of this question is you know can the Administration maybe try to reconcile the Department for us, just because there are large gaps here.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Mr. Furfaro: And did I hear correct that you had plan to reduce your budget by seven point nine percent (7.9%)?

Mr. Rapozo: It was seven percent (7%).

Mr. Furfaro: Seven percent (7%). But yet your narrative reflects your budget comparisons, your budget is almost down thirteen percent (13%).

Mr. Rapozo: Correct um.

Mr. Furfaro: Is that...

Mr. Rapozo: The initial...

Mr. Furfaro: Is that something you feel comfortable with?

Mr. Rapozo: Well the initial director was seven percent (7%), we did that and then they took out the furlough for two (2) days, furlough from the budget which increased it to what we have there.

Mr. Furfaro: So it's seven percent (7%) without the furloughs?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Furfaro: Okay. And in this plan, I'm just going to put a few items on the radar screen... we had talked about under Mr. Kaipo Asing's recommendation the potential of us identifying an Eastside park for a dog park, do you still have that in your plan.

- Mr. Rapozo: Actually yes we started communication with the community.
- Mr. Furfaro: Good. We also I understood were going to do some things with the new Kapa'a Ball Park as it relates to, I think one year we were buying materials, the next year we were going to expand locker rooms or something, is that one still in your plan Lenny?
- Mr. Rapozo: Yes. Actually it's in our CIP budget the new locker rooms and shower facility.
- Mr. Furfaro: But a lot of that work was actually the finish work was going to be with in-house personnel or?
- Mr. Rapozo: No initially was community yeah but it's taking too long and we decided that we want to bid it out and offer it to contractors to complete.
- Mr. Furfaro: If we bid it out... wait a minute... I was of the impression that we already acquired the materials.
- Mr. Rapozo: Some of it. Yes.
- Mr. Furfaro: So that's a true statement the contractor would bid off of certain materials that we already providing?
- Mr. Rapozo: Yes.
- Mr. Furfaro: Got it. Got it. And did we ever address the bathrooms for the disable to expand at Isenberg?
- Mr. Rapozo: Yes we will be going out for bid... oh I think we have gone out for bid.
- Mr. Furfaro: We have gone out for bid?
- Mr. Rapozo: Um I think... did we select contractors for Isenberg bathrooms? (inaudible – talking to someone behind him in the audience) Yeah it's... we're moving within the next fiscal year to complete that project.
- Mr. Furfaro: Okay.
- Mr. Rapozo: It's going out to bid.
- Mr. Furfaro: Okay those are the ones I just want to make sure we're on still on target and I want to thank you and Mel in the back for keeping those you know the locker rooms and the expansion of Isenberg bathrooms keeping those in the radar screen.
- Mr. Rapozo: Even Peter Rayno's one, we've awarded Peter Rayno's ADA.
- Mr. Furfaro: Like I said I just wanted to name a few that I've been dealing with over the last couple of years and make sure they're still a blimp on the radar screen.
- Mr. Rapozo: Yep, yes sir.
- Mr. Furfaro: Okay thank you Mr. Chair.
- Mr. Kaneshiro: Anyone else have some questions for, of course Tim go ahead.

Mr. Bynum: I'll start with the maintenance to, I saw some things in the press recently about maintenance you know it's always been bad at county parks and I want to say that I totally disagree with that. I think that the maintenance has improved steadily for a number of years, I think you could have made that statement in the past, seven (7), eight (8) years ago but I think the Administration has done a really good job of bringing up maintenance to an adequate level. I think it's a little freed at the edges right now and difficult because of vacancies but I really admire that work that our workers are doing to step up as you've said to maintain that maintenance at best. We all like better maintenance, we all like our park restrooms to look like the one at the bank but you know that may not be realistic but so I just wanted to say that I disagree but I also would like to see the kind of report we got from other... from the other Department's about the current status of the workforce, not just the budgeted but where they're vacancies and what the intentions are to fill them so we can send them over in writing.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Yeah. I'll send over the same questions that I've sent to some of the Department's.

Mr. Rapozo: We have that available.

Mr. Kaneshiro: We'll forward it.

Mr. Bynum: Right but more generally I want to know when I look at your budget I see positions that are dollar funded and I understand that's true in all the budgets but can we assume that positions are fully funded that you intend to hire?

Mr. Rapozo: Definitely.

Mr. Bynum: Okay and so you have a green light to hire funded positions?

Mr. Rapozo: No.

Mr. Bynum: Okay so I'm confused by those two (2) answers? I see it funded in the budget you intend to hire.

Mr. Rapozo: At some point... the vacant positions right, we have vacant positions and there's a freeze in hiring and there vacant but it doesn't necessarily mean there vacant, we're going to move it down to a dollar funded position. The dollar funded position was down, was done so we can make our seven percent (7%) mandated. If at some point in this current... next fiscal year if things drastically turn for the better and then that hiring freeze is lifted than we will be able to hire those vacant positions that are funded, the dollar funded one of course we won't be able to because of the dollar and then we would have to take that up either during the next budget cycle.

Mr. Bynum: Right and again this isn't just Parks...

Mr. Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Bynum: I don't want you to feel that I'm targeting this question at you but you know that's... it's hard for us to get a handle on what our workforce is when there are positions that are dollar funded, that I understand is probably not going to get hired this year right? And so that's a clear message to the Council, hey these are the vacant positions we're not going to fill but other positions that we're funding if we're not going to fill them, why are we funding them right? It be a lot easier if we understood that eh if the position funded, the Department's have a green light to hire. But that's not the case and so it makes it hard for us to answer continuance about you know why certain things are not happening or what the impacts of the economic situation and so in all

Department's I would really like that analysis but these are the positions that are currently vacant and these are the ones we're hiring, that we have the green light on and these are the ones that we have a red light on. It's just hard to tell and then especially when we're looking at telling workers eh you're going to work two (2) fewer days a month and then we hire a new worker in the same unit and so I don't... I know we're going to get into that in depth on the twentieth (20th) but so if it's possible to have a list in say caretakers, we have you know thirty (30) caretakers, ten (10) vacancies, one (1) is dollar funded you know two (2) are dollar funded but the other... the other ones that are vacant can you hire or not? I don't know if Gary Heu's here but that's the kind of questions... I think the Council has a right to understand what the workforce intentions are. And then I have some specific questions Chair about budget items... So if I could move on?

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay you can move on.

Mr. Bynum: I didn't know if you wanted to stick with personnel first and then move to...

Mr. Kaneshiro: I think do you have any questions regarding personnel matters Mr. Chair?

Mr. Asing: (inaudible mic off)

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Mr. Asing: (inaudible mic off)

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay with that I believe Councilmember Kawahara had a question.

Ms. Kawahara: Yes.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Regarding personnel matters.

Ms. Kawahara: Thank you Budget Chair.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Alright you have the floor.

Ms. Kawahara: Good morning Lenny and Kylan. I also want to echo all the Councilmember's appreciation of the work you do. You have a vast kingdom of all kinds of different services and different properties that you have to manage and keep track of. I've never actually had a bad experience in any of our parks so I think you're doing a great job with everything. The question that I have I understand I'm trying to find out when we switched over to the county maintenance of the driving range.

Mr. Rapozo: The County Maintenance of the driving range?

Ms. Kawahara: When you took over the driving range, revenue and the balls yeah?

Mr. Rapozo: Oh okay.

Ms. Kawahara: Can you tell me what the... how did that change your staffing? Did you have to add somebody, what was your impact on your operations, budget wise and personnel wise?

Mr. Rapozo: I think budget on... Deputy Kylan Dela Cruz can answer that.

Mr. Dela Cruz: Currently we have two (2) part times yeah... part time positions to pick up the balls in the driving range.

Ms. Kawahara: Did they have to be hired on after you took over that?

Mr. Dela Cruz: No they were already hired even before I came on board.

Ms. Kawahara: Were they doing something else in the Parks and Recreation Division? Or were they brand new positions or empty positions that you filled just for the driving range? I guess my question is when we got the driving range did we have to staff it as an extra staffing?

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct but... I don't know the actual history as far as...

Ms. Kawahara: Oh okay.

Mr. Dela Cruz: As far as that particular...

Ms. Kawahara: Oh okay.

SUSAN HONJIYO: What happened is the concessionaire was not paying his rent for... it was a long time so we finally took action and we closed the Pro-Shop and we took over handling that business including the range, we also sold all his products that he had left in the Golf Shop and so we ran the Golf Shop for him, we did all the club rentals and the driving range and we hired his employees so they weren't out... and we hired them in our office but we still needed two (2) people to pick up the range balls, so we hired two (2) part timers and when the concessionaire went back in, when we redid the contract we kept the range because the range made a huge amount of revenue and we just rented out the Golf Shop itself and the rental was an insignificant amount to our budget and we did that because we didn't want to have the problem again of having a concessionaire that didn't pay the rent. Especially since the balls, we didn't realize until we took it over how much everything really... How profit we were making and so when we put out the bid again, we decided to keep the range and all that profit and we hired two (2) part-time workers and we bought the equipment and it's been really good since but one of the part-time workers have left, so we just have one (1) part-time worker, we dollar funded the other part-time worker and we have six (6) hours of overtime to fill that position, the one that left.

Ms. Kawahara: Oh okay the added overtime...

Ms. Honjiyo: Right, right.

Ms. Kawahara: The driving range seventy-five hundred (7,500).

Ms. Honjiyo: So we using our janitor which is the lowest paid person to that position yeah?

Ms. Kawahara: Okay.

Ms. Honjiyo: So she works six (6) hours overtime on Saturday and Sunday to give the other part-time person two (2) days off.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay. So my next question is if I could get a breakdown of just those two (2) positions, I know ones... one is dollar funded, I see the other one in here as fifteen, six, zero, six (15606).

Ms. Honjiyo: Right.

Ms. Kawahara: Could I just get... may I just get the breakdown of the salary and benefits and fringes for that person, since they're part-time do they not get that?

Ms. Honjiyo: So the part-timer...

Mr. Kaneshiro: Hold on. For Committee members, Councilmember Kawahara is referring to page ten (10) of the budget in the Golf Course Section.

Ms. Kawahara: Sixteen, three, eight, six (16386) and I guess maybe you guys were going to send over a communication of all the positions but I was wondering what the benefits and fringes were, I think its nineteen (19) positions, nineteen, eighty-five (1985).

Mr. Rapozo: You wanted the (inaudible)?

Ms. Kawahara: Actually...

Mr. Rapozo: The grounds helper?

Ms. Kawahara: The grounds helper. I said it... I miss spoke. The sixteen, three, eight, six (16386).

Ms. Honjiyo: Right.

Ms. Kawahara: So we took a cost, we added a cost with two (2) part-time helpers when we took on the driving range but we're making money on the driving range?

Ms. Honjiyo: Yeah the driving range makes a lot of money.

Ms. Kawahara: And if you could, could you tell us what that is?

Ms. Honjiyo: Okay the amount is, okay let me...

Mr. Rapozo: (inaudible)

Ms. Kawahara: Yes if we could do that.

Mr. Kaneshiro: If you don't have it right now, we'll send a question. Or you have it?

Ms. Honjiyo: Okay. The range... July through December made thirty-six thousand, eight hundred thirty-six dollars (\$36,836) and for the whole year, we'll make seventy-six thousand, three hundred ninety-six dollars (\$76,396).

Ms. Kawahara: Okay thank you for that. Is that something we already have? Could I get a copy of that? May we get a copy for everybody?

Mr. Kaneshiro: We'll request that.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay what's it called?

Ms. Honjiyo: I did a revenue projection for...

Ms. Kawahara: Revenue projection.

Ms. Honjiyo: As of March 2010 on how the Golf Course is doing.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay great.

Ms. Honjiyo: Because the revenue projection submitted earlier was all with that high increase rate and we weren't hitting the marks so.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay.

Ms. Honjiyo: So I redid another one.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay thank you.

Mr. Furfaro: (mic not on)

Ms. Honjiyo: July to December of 2009.

Mr. Furfaro: (mic not on)

Ms. Honjiyo: Right for the... that's the actual figures.

Mr. Furfaro: And then you're trending out to seventy-six thousand (76,000).

Ms. Honjiyo: Right for the next... for this last half of this fiscal year.

Mr. Furfaro: (mic not on).

Ms. Honjiyo: Right.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay. Wait I forgot what I was going...

Mr. Kaneshiro: We can come back to you. Mr. Bynum did you have a question?

Mr. Bynum: Yeah.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay and then Lani when you.

Ms. Kawahara: When I remember, okay.

Mr. Kaneshiro: I'll recognize you.

Mr. Bynum: Regarding, under I don't know what page it's on but it's called what the overall but we funded K-PAL and the Head Start Summer Program and I see cuts to K-PAL and the Head Start Summer Program and you know is that in dialog with those programs whether they can sustain their services.

Mr. Rapozo: We're asking K-PAL to put that line item in their budget. In the Police budget.

Mr. Bynum: The well it's still a line item, it's just reduced by a thousand right?
So.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah.

Mr. Bynum: They're going to put that thousand into the Police budget?

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah. Well we're asking them to, eventually to take that whole amount that we asked to move it over but for next year.

Mr. Bynum: But that's in dialog with K-PAL?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: And the Police Department?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: And with the Head Start Summer Program have you had discussion with them about whether they can maintain their program with a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) budget cut?

Mr. Rapozo: Ah no.

Mr. Bynum: So it's just a union lateral decision to cut it.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: Because I see it as a program that complements our summer fund in that it keeps kids below the Summer Fun age, engaged in healthy, educational activities. And so summer fun we intend to maintain our current level of service? That's a question?

Mr. Rapozo: You mean in terms of accepting applications for participation in Summer Fun, definitely.

Mr. Bynum: Yeah I haven't looked in here at the budget but the budget is similar and...

Mr. Rapozo: Yes we...

Mr. Bynum: So the capacity would be similar?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: So that's good. So you know I guess I can talk to the Head Start folks about whether they can continue their program with this cut. There's also a line item that's actually an increase in that in that category because there's a line item if I read it correctly ten thousand (10,000) for speed and quickness that's a new grant that we haven't funded.

Mr. Rapozo: Page one, fifty-one (151)?

Mr. Bynum: Yes.

Mr. Kaneshiro: For Committee members, Mr. Bynum is on page one, fifty-one (151).

Mr. Bynum: It's just those three (3) items that are under this amount that really went up by two thousand (2,000) one of the few places you could look in comparison budget and see

an increase but it seems that there's a new project that I hadn't seen funded before, speed and quickness, can somebody give me any information about that?

Mr. Rapozo: That was a program that was done in the pass and they did it with different sports entities like soccer, football, baseball and...

Mr. Bynum: I think in the past this has been in the drug...

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah they administered, they got a federal grant so I believe that is something that we're looking to see if we can bring back.

Mr. Bynum: Bring back?

Mr. Rapozo: As a County. I believe the last one was federally funded, they got money's from the federal to do that and then we looking from the County side maybe offering something similar to that.

Mr. Bynum: And I'm not objecting but I just want to understand the history of that and so maybe we can send a question about speed and quickness, where it's been funded before and how it showed up in your budget. But I will express a concern about the Head Start Summer Program and you know I'd like us to determine you know in the past they came and said basically if we cut the lowest certain level they just could not sustain it and that would create difficulties for a lot of families I think that you know may have older kids at Summer Fun and they're relying on this you know to kind of get through and... Then I can't find it, I had it a minute ago but there's substantial cuts moving to something different. Substantially reductions in lease payments for portable restrooms at various parks and I don't... you know it's like their very... some are the same and others are cut dramatically so.

Mr. Rapozo: In the restroom?

Mr. Bynum: Yeah.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah we just completed our contract for that and we got, George did a good job in...

Mr. Furfaro: Negotiating.

Mr. Rapozo: That's the word. Negotiating.

Mr. Furfaro: We did a better job in negotiating through George.

Mr. Rapozo: Exactly. Instead... George you want to explain it because you do it well.

Yeah why don't you explain because he found something within the contract that helped us to reduce the cost.

Mr. Bynum: I like reduce cost. I just... I mean that's just the overall question are we reducing service?

GEORGE AHLGREN (PARKS MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS CHIEF): No we're not, we'll probably be improving service.

Mr. Bynum: So substantially less money and improving in service, that's sound good to me.

Mr. Ahlgren: Yes.

Mr. Bynum: I don't need to go line by line and say is it the same service at Wailua Motorcross Track, is it the same service at Wailua (inaudible) it's the same or better?

Mr. Ahlgren: That's correct. We're restructuring some of the terminology in the contract that allowed us to get a better deal for the service that were always been provided.

Mr. Bynum: What a great answer because it's a substantial cut in price and so I was afraid that I was going to hear oh no we're cutting, we're not going to have the ADA one or we're going to have one (1) instead of two (2) or something like that.

Mr. Ahlgren: It's more to do with the ones that are agreed upon to be situated all year around versus the ones that we had to have on on-call basis, we just move some of those around because the ones that we would have be called out and then taken away and called out and taken away are, as you can understand from a providers point of view, much more expensive. If you can put a portable potty out there and just leave it there and service it, it costs the vender a lot less and so we just looked really critically at where it was that we were saying put it out, take it away, put it out, take it away... and just said put it there and just leave it there and we saved a ton of money.

Mr. Bynum: Yeah I can see that.

Mr. Ahlgren: That's just restructuring.

Mr. Bynum: So I'm glad that I asked this question because it really highlights careful management and there's no reduction in service so it maybe an increase that... that's a great answer. And then I just can't let this go by without saying, I sent over written questions some time ago regarding the eleven (11) acre sports park and the status of the position, well let me backup because you have a confused look on your face. You know there's been a long time and a strong advocacy from the Kapa'a Business Association and others to address some of the use sports needs in Kapa'a and its linked and related to the use of Kapa'a Beach Park and I think you know this history, we currently have one (1) soccer field in active use at Kapa'a Beach Park and you know that requires us to have an eighteen (18) foot fence right on the highway and landscaping and so for a number of years and there's a strong constituency behind this saying you know we would really like to see Kapa'a Beach Park be at the town park without obstacles to walk into the park and have it be a more passage use and do a redevelopment of that area from the Police Station to the cannell, it's the heart of the Kapa'a Town and to have it be a more of a passage town park but also an understanding because of our lack of field space that that one field is important for our youth and so I believe we are in the process of developing an eleven (11) acre alternative in Kapa'a, I think we spent a lot of money on it and I want to know where that status of that project is and are we going to move forward you know we just recently had newspaper press about need to maintain that fence that we've looked for a long time to try to take down, it will be a shame to spend a lot of money on a fence that you know and so I sent those questions in writing several months ago and I haven't seen a response and I've asked for that and I just, I need to say that.

Mr. Kaneshiro: I don't expect to have that discussion here on the floor this morning so are we saying that we're going to send a communication back out to them, perhaps put that on a Committee Meeting? Perhaps. Okay because I think that would be more appropriate just follow up with our Chairman of Parks and Recreation of the Council and have her... whoever it is follow up with the question here because I think that would be a much longer discussion than the discussion we're having in finance issues at this point in this Department. Is that okay with you Mr. Bynum?

Mr. Bynum: Yeah that's fine. Because I just been looking through the budget looking for where... are there budget items to move that project forward so.

Mr. Kaneshiro: I'll allow you to ask that question.

Mr. Bynum: Aren't there budget items to help move that project forward?

Mr. Kaneshiro: At this point, if there is in this budget or CIP or anything?

Mr. Rapozo: I'm sorry?

Mr. Kaneshiro: The question Mr. Bynum asked was that it... do you have anything in this budget currently you know projected to do that part?

Mr. Rapozo: For the eleven (11)... no.

Mr. Kaneshiro: At this point? Okay.

Mr. Rapozo: No.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And that's fine, we'll come with a communication like I said through the Committee and have those discussions on the Committee floor in a regular Council Committee level. Mr. Chairman had a question, Mr. Asing.

Mr. Asing: Yeah it's not really a question, it's more kind of a answer to the question that was just asked and that's about the Kapa'a Beach Park and the new park, etc., the bottom line is just money period. That's all it is and there's a long history to that. Let me give you an example and I'll make it short. That beach park area when we abandoned that park for park facility usage, we abandoned that park and that park was supposed to be just an open park, not a park used for park purposes as far as recreation, it's an open spaced park. That is what the park was designed for but what happened over time is the emphasis on soccer was so strong that the expansion of all of the leagues cause us to say but we don't have enough place, places to hold events. So we need to go back, take the park away from open space, leisurely type of operations into now a full usage park. It was just a matter of money, we did not have enough money to acquire land, to develop new parks for soccer fields, baseball fields, etc., so that's what it is. It falls back on how much money do we have for available facilities to expand a recreational purposes. So that's a simple money problem. How much money do we have? And we just did not have enough money to acquire space so we said there's an open area, let's take it back, no more open area use it for recreational purposes. So that's really the answer.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay. Thank you for the Chair and as stated I will or have Parks and Recreation Committee or one of the Committee's readdress that question through Committee, whether than discuss it here, like you said because you don't have it in the budget anyway at this time. Mr. Bynum go ahead.

Mr. Bynum: And I just wanted to concur with things Council... or Committee Chair said earlier that parks are wonderful thing for people of Kaua'i and you know when we have leisure time that parks is our best alternative to enjoy environment we live in without paying a lot of money you know it's a really important thing and I think we've done a really good job in parks over the few years I've been... we spent a lot more money in creating the Parks Department but I still feel that it was a good move and look forward to the expansion of our park facilities as our population increases because we have needs and the Chair just illustrated one on why we're kind of jammed up with adequate sports field and so I just want to thank you a lot for the good work I think that the Parks Department does and our employees stepping up when they're fewer of them now.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Go ahead Councilmember Kawahara.

Ms. Kawahara: Going back to the Golf Course and the driving range, before we took it over and the Pro Shop was handling it, what was the percentage of cut for him and then the County?

Mr. Rapozo: Susan you have that? Before... you wanted to know what?

Ms. Kawahara: So how long ago did we take it over?

Ms. Honjiyo: (inaudible)

Mr. Kaneshiro: Can we, can we have you up? And we're back to the Golf Course page ten (10).

Ms. Kawahara: Just for the driving range yeah.

Mr. Kaneshiro: And eleven (11) in our budget.

Ms. Honjiyo: Okay. When the concessionaire that we had to shut down, that was Kawailoa Ventures Larry Lee Senior and since then the County took it over and then we put out the contract, we've had three (3) concessionaires since that time already so it's been a really long time but ten (10)... at least well this concessionaire is a five (5) year contract so than it could be fifteen (15) years ago.

Ms. Kawahara: Oh okay I thought it was recent change.

Ms. Honjiyo: Oh no this has really... was during Kusaka Administration I think. I can't remember who was the Mayor... I think it was during her Administration.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay.

Ms. Honjiyo: So it was a really long time.

Ms. Kawahara: And this is a question about the same thing, has that made it more difficult to get bids because I would have suspect that the driving range would be one of the things afloat the concessionaire, concessionaires because they might be depending on that a lot and I know we need the money but maybe they're... you know how would there be a give and take?

Mr. Rapozo: According to Susan this is the third (3rd) concessionaire since we've taken it over so.

Ms. Kawahara: Yeah.

Mr. Rapozo: So it's been out to bid without the driving range on three (3) occasions and this is the third (3rd) concessionaire.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay so you haven't had any difficulties getting bids without the driving range.

Mr. Rapozo: We are going to be going out for bid this year, calendar year that that current contract is up in September so.

Ms. Kawahara: But the pass three (3) weren't hard to get?

Mr. Rapozo: It appears not.

Ms. Kawahara: The concessionaires weren't hard to recruit?

Mr. Rapozo: It appears not.

Ms. Kawahara: Without the driving range.

Mr. Rapozo: No.

Ms. Kawahara: One more question about driving range so when you took it over your staff took on new duties and you were still able to maintain your other services? Okay, okay great thank you. And I wanted to know about I think he can answer it. Do you have a regular rotation for the program for the picnic tables and I'm wondering when the two (2) picnic tables were going to be looked at?

Mr. Rapozo: It was just repaired, we got information that it was in there were some broken parts.

Ms. Kawahara: Yes.

Mr. Rapozo: And... it's been repaired.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah.

Ms. Kawahara: And the paint on top of it? So fixed? Okay.

Ms. Honjiyo: I think we put...

Ms. Kawahara: I was there about three (3) weeks ago.

Ms. Honjiyo: (inaudible)

Mr. Rapozo: We fixed in-house, fixed the picnic tables and she just put in a work order to have it painted because the renovations that took place on the Club House, that was part of what they should have done but didn't complete so.

Ms. Kawahara: Okay thank you. I didn't mean to get so small. The other question I had was to do with fencing and how do you... where in that... where in the budget is that? For fence because I seen fences along the parks that aren't passive because there's one in the Homesteads because hit the fences with their cars and I'm just amazed how often do you have to replace them because it's quite.

Mr. Rapozo: As damage occurs we take the money out of the park trust fund.

Ms. Kawahara: Park trust fund, okay. I think that's it for now and I'll be asking about the personnel thing related to the driving range and the overtime.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Mr. Bynum has a question regarding the Golf Course.

Mr. Bynum: While you're up there. So we currently have three (3) concessionaires at the Golf Course right?

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: The Club House, the restaurant and the cart management.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Bynum: And which one of those is up this year?

Mr. Rapozo: Actually all three (3) of them, we're in the process of the carts in deciding which direction we're going to do with the carts and the restaurant the Pro Shop is due in September.

Mr. Bynum: So I wanted to... I don't think I got to say this the other day when we were talking about the changes in the Golf fees, you know I looked closer at the budget and I really appreciate your comments Lenny about and your concerns for those concessionaires. Those lease fees are not a big money maker in terms of our budget but they're really important for the quality and the experience for local and visitors and you know so I really appreciate it that you had a bigger view of the whole operation you know not just a dollar and cents view.

Mr. Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Bynum: But looking at the customer experience. Hopefully we continue to be good landlords for those concessionaires, so they provide a quality experience.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

Mr. Bynum: And I appreciated that there was a bigger focus than just the dollar and cents.

Mr. Rapozo: Thank you.

Ms. Kawahara: When we actually applied to be concessionaire... oh put in a bid especially for the restaurant, do you require experience in Food and Beverage?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes. Three (3) years.

Ms. Kawahara: Three (3) years. Okay do they have to submit any business plans?

Mr. Rapozo: (inaudible)

Ms. Honjiyo: They have to submit the three (3) years experience.

Ms. Kawahara: Three (3) experience okay I was just curious.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Jay, you had a question go ahead.

Mr. Furfaro: Yes thank you. Lenny I want to let you know... a little follow up on looking at some of my notes there is no confusion on my part they... K-PAL there is no number that shows up in the Police Department.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah.

Mr. Furfaro: Just so you know, so I just wanted to reconfirm that, nor in any other Administrative areas does Head Start show up...

Mr. Rapozo: Yes.

Mr. Furfaro: So the money that's identified there is actually between the two (2) programs is down about eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) from the previous year so it's something that we should put on our radar screen.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Mr. Furfaro: I also want to say that... compliment George here, we will no longer use the term what we cut, quite frankly it's a pure savings and I think we want to make sure that we use the term savings and for Councilmember Kawahara, I should point out I looked at the cost centers associated with the range balls and we probably, our cost centers are nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$19,800) on that thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) amount of revenue and that's based on the staffing that you shared with us what was allocated and so it is now a profit center of about ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) for six (6) months period.

(inaudible)

Mr. Furfaro: Yes I got the overtime in there but I call it... you don't even have to look at overtime. If you had the regular two (2) people there, you would have the straight time cost already in the budget so you only look at the half time as the premium pay and yes it's in that number so it seems quiet sensible for us to continue collect range balls.

George thank you again, I really pleased with the savings.

Mr. Bynum: Yeah me too.

Mr. Furfaro: And not losing any portable potties.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay Mr. Asing?

Mr. Asing: Yes let me if you don't mind it maybe a little off but I've been around a little bit and because I've been around a little bit I have an idea of the entire operations of the Golf Course, I think we need to start with what kinds of services do we the County want to provide the public? What kind of services? Now with that comes a business and the county is in a business now. But we also want to serve the public so what we end up with we have businesses like the Golf Pro Shop, the driving range, the cart concessions, the restaurant and we also bid out and have the businesses come in and if these businesses do not make any profit at all then we lose all of that. And the service to the public now is gone. Can the county do all of these things? The County cannot. And so in one instance when the golf Pro Shop was not operating profitably, because of that what happened was that you cannot make a profit and if you cannot make a profit that means that maybe the contract should be worked out so that he can maybe at least he can make some profit, yeah? And all of these negotiations that need to take place, is very difficult and that's why we have the kinds of problems that we have today. As an example, times are good... everybody makes money, restaurant makes money, the Golf Pro Shop makes money, driving range, the County has a good play so everybody's happy but when times are bad, we need to make these adjustments and that the bottom, that's all it is. It's operations and management of the entire program and it's not difficult, what we have now is because of economic times we have these difficulties, the business don't make money, we have to make adjustments. So I think this is a long history and we need to understand the full make up of the Golf Course, what it was intended to do to serve the public, everybody's happy when times are good, everybody makes some money so I think you know when we start sharpening up into pieces

and the county tries to get everything, that won't work either. You know the businesses have to make some money too.

Mr. Rapozo: Correct.

Mr. Asing: So we have to consider that. What kinds of services do we want to provide the public and I know what you're going through and we need to help you to help the businesses to help the community and everyone. It's a big piece of pie.

Mr. Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay any other questions for Mr. Lenny Rapozo? Or any of his Departments that Committee Members wanted to have discussion on or have questions about? Mr. Furfaro?

Mr. Furfaro: I more interested in our progress on the locker rooms for the Kapa'a Field and if we could have something in Mr. Bynum's Committee in the future to give us an update because it's been about two (2) years.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay.

Mr. Furfaro: I would like to get some more info on that project.

Mr. Bynum: Either my Committee or Lani's.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Or Lani's, Parks.

Mr. Furfaro: Well Parks, Building... one of them.

Mr. Bynum: Yeah either one.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay we'll do it.

Mr. Rapozo: Put it in Parks.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Bynum go ahead.

Mr. Bynum: I asked about the Summer Fun, I just you know it looks like most Departments made some minor... you tried to cut where you can and in terms of... but the services that the Recreational services that we provide whether it's (inaudible) or other programs, we're maintaining that level of service. Is that correct?

Mr. Rapozo: That is correct and you know we also try to be creative in reducing recreation maybe this is the classic example going back to the golf yeah? We have a golf program, Summer Golf Program yeah so in trying to meet our goal we spoke to the Pro Shop who is a professional golfer, he's going to continue that program, he's going to take that program, he's going to charge the fees, hire one (1) more guy because we hired him as a contract to do the golf program with his knowledge to teach the kids the golf, so he's going to take the and run it out of his Pro shop thereby we reduce our cost in our Recreational Division. So he's going to take that program so yes there's some reduction but the service is not lost. There program is not lost. We looked at another to continue the... to continue the program for the kids.

Mr. Bynum: Right and you know I just wanted to... I suspected that was the answer and I appreciate that it is. Thank you Cyndi for all your hard work.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Any other question by Committee members? With any of the Parks and Recreation Department or any Committee members have questions for Mr. Sarita or Convention Hall or any other Department?

Ms. Kawahara: Just the Veteran's Cemetery.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Oh okay.

Ms. Kawahara: We purchase... you guys purchased a lot of equipment.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Yeah that falls under you.

Ms. Kawahara: Yeah it does, interesting yeah? We were worried last year about the cemeteries and maintaining the Veteran's one, we bought a lot of equipment for all the different Departments and I just wanted to know how it went because I'm sure it's much better after you purchased the equipment and did everything you needed to do.

Mr. Rapozo: Yeah Kylan works closely with the Veteran's Cemetery.

Mr. Dela Cruz: (inaudible) purchase of the equipment, we actually added more services to the service itself for the families.

Ms. Kawahara: Good.

Mr. Dela Cruz: We have since purchased the lowering system, the lowering device with the canopy that covers you know at the plot itself to cover for the services itself. We're still in the process of procuring that tamping for the... to make sure the ground is... we have less... where there's sinking of the soil and you know... and we're working closely with the Office of Veteran Services in which they provide the vaults for us which is a plastic container that reduces the amount of settlement to the soil to yeah.

Ms. Kawahara: I just want to thank you for all that you do over there. Makes me proud that you guys are with the county, thank you.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Tim do you have something?

Mr. Bynum: So the two (2) issues... one (1) is the improvements to the maintenance and the continue right? And is that correct?

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct with the procurement of our (inaudible) that we recently... not too long ago we received it reduced the amount of workload with Public Works, we working more independently as well as using that to work on other projects within the Parks Department.

Mr. Bynum: And part of that at the Cemetery is working on getting the headstones aligned properly and lined up properly.

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct. We're currently working with the Office of Veteran Services regarding the leveling, that's more of an internal issue where we're working with the Veterans to continue on with leveling because there is continuous settlement issues especially in the old area of the Cemetery, there is a... you can't really align it, in the past it was eyeballed so you can only do with so much but it would still have misalignment but in the new side, we do have pins, it was surveyed so we do now have proper alignment for that area.

Mr. Bynum: Thanks for your ongoing efforts there.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Jay?

Mr. Furfaro: My questions are more along the line of are we regularly in touch with the Executive Director of the State's Office of Veterans Affairs, the gentleman that came over a year ago to speak to us about the short coming and the confusion about what our share of funds were from the State? Can anybody tell me...

Mr. Dela Cruz: We just recently...

Mr. Furfaro: How?

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct. We just recently had meetings with Mark Moses, he's the...

Mr. Furfaro: Mr. Moises, yes.

Mr. Dela Cruz: Right he's the Director of Office of Veterans Services.

Mr. Furfaro: State Director.

Mr. Dela Cruz: So we're regularly communicating and we reduced a lot of the miscommunication in the... that was in the past.

Mr. Furfaro: And all the issues about our fair share of funding and expenses that we can draw on not on our budget but on the Veteran Affairs budget is in your opinion all understood by both parties?

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct. We did clarify on our recent meeting as far as the Columbarium and the response was... because you have DOD engineers and (inaudible) as well, that's associated with these improvement projects and we've been all in lined in communicating to get those things done.

Mr. Furfaro: I mean clearly our Veterans deserve the full attention to you know the maintenance repair items that deal with their final resting place but there seem to be confusion coming out of the State's Office and Mr. Moises as to which money's we could draw on and what government agencies role is into help support us on the maintenance role but you feel comfortable now, all of that is ironed out with Mr. Moises?

Mr. Dela Cruz: Yeah we've been going and having a regular discussion and we've been ironing out all those issues.

Mr. Furfaro: Okay when you say regular discussion would that include maybe someone from your office meeting from the State Office say twice a year?

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct. We just recently had a meeting last month, the DOD engineers, DAGS, as well as the consultants that they were going to hire to do certain projects at the Veterans Cemetery as well as Mark Moises coming down and meeting at the Veterans Cemetery to discuss those issues.

Mr. Furfaro: And were we able to include the officers and Board members of the Local Veterans Chapter...

Mr. Dela Cruz: That is correct.

Mr. Furfaro: (inaudible).

Mr. Dela Cruz: Kaua'i Veterans Councilmembers.

Mr. Furfaro: Than let me compliment you for that initiative and keeping those communications open, thank you.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Okay? Any other questions for Parks and Recreation? If not I'm going to recess for ten (10) minutes and have the Public Works on the next agenda.

The Parks & Recreation departmental budget review concluded at 10:29 a.m., and there being no objections, the meeting was in recess.